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SUBJECT: REVIEW AND APPRAISAL COMMITTEE, MAY 21 - JUNE 8

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1. EMBOFF MET APRIL 27 WITH L. S. LOBANOV, COUNSELOR IN MFA INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, TO EXPLAIN U. S. THINKING AND INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO REVIEW AND APPRAISAL AND TO SOLICIT SOVIET VIEWS.

2. LOBANOV SAID SOVIET GOVERNMENT TOO ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO REVIEW AND APPRAISAL PROCEDURE AND WILL FIELD STRONG DELEGATION AT NEW YORK MEETING OF R AND A COMMITTEE MAY 21 - JUNE 8. WHILE MAIN BURDEN WILL FALL ON SMUN STAFF, DELEGATION WILL ALSO INCLUDE REPRESENTATION FROM MFA, ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND OTHER INTERESTED SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS. DELEGATION LEADERSHIP IS TO BE AT "AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL." LOBANOV PROMISED NAMES AS SOON AS DELEGATION ROSTER FIXED, BUT HAS NOT YET PROVIDED THEM. EMBOFF WILL ENQUIRE AGAIN IN A FEW DAYS.

3. LOBANOV SAID THAT WHILE SOVIETS "DON'T EXCLUDE" DIS-

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CUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (IDS) AND BASIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AT R AND A MEETING, THEY DOUBT MORE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THERE THAN CONSIDERATION OF WAYS TO MAKE WORK OF UN AID- GIVING ORGANS MORE EFFECTIVE (IMPROVED INTER- AGENCY COORDINATION, ELIMINATION OF DUPLICATION OF EFFORT, ETC.). DISCUSSION OF MORE SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS, WHILE DESIREABLE, WILL PROBABLY BE HAMPERED BY FAILURE OF LDCS TO APPROACH R AND A WITH SUFFICIENT SERIOUSNESS OR TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION AT HIGH ENOUGH LEVEL TO GO BEYOND RHETORIC TO RPACTICAL NEGOTIATIONS.

4. ON QUESTION OF IDS, LOBANOV SAID USSR CONTINUES TO ADHERE TO JOINT STATEMENT OF EIGHT SOCIALIST COUNTRIES PRESENTED TO 25 TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (DOCUMENT A/8074). HE COMMENTED THAT ACHIEVEMENTS OF SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE HAVE BEEN ONLY " SO- SO" TO DATE, BUT THAT " END OF WAR" IN VIETNAM AND " BROADENING COOPERATION" IN EUROPE HAVE CREATED CONDITIONS FAVORABLE FOR MORE EFFECTIVE WORLD EFFORT IN DEVELOPMENT FIELD.

5. LOBONOV OBSERVED THAT US AND USSR HAD TAKEN SIMILAR POSITIONS ON LDC PROPOSAL FOR " RATIONALIZATION" OF ECOSOC AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE US AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS WOULD WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER AT NEW YORK R AND A MEETING.
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